

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket No.: Q83885

U.S. Application No.: 10/509,488

REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant has canceled claims 1-19 in favor of new claims 20-34.

No new matter has been entered.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Species A₁ as well Species B₁, without traverse. It is submitted that claims 20-34 read on Species A₁ and that claim 20-27 and 29-34, read on Species B₁. Thus, examination of claims 20-27 and 29-34 is respectfully requested. It is noted that in the event that independent claim 20 is allowed, claim 28 should re-joined and allowed. Of course, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected species.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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